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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 15, 2003

REMARKS

This paper is intended to be a complete response to the above-identified Office Action. It is believed no fee is due. If fees are required, however, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct the necessary charges from Deposit Account 501922/199-0044US.

Election/Restriction

The Applicants are in receipt of an office action mailed on May 15, 2003. The Examiner asserted that the claims in the current application are directed to three distinct inventions: Claims 1-15, 24-25 to group I; Claims 16-18, 20-23 to group II and Claims 19 to group III.

The Applicants elect Claims 1-15 and 24-25 in group I for further examination.

Restriction traversed

The Applicants explicitly traverse the restriction requirement.

The Applicants agree that the claims may be segregated into three groups: Group I directs to a video conference system, the main unit; Group II directs to a docking station; and Group III